

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

CLEMENTS, ET AL.

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FOR: PREPARATION OF
HYDROXYALKYLCARBAMATES
FROM SIX-MEMBERED CYCLIC
CARBONATES



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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, and allowance of the claims pending in this application, in view of the amendments and following remarks.

Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for preparing a hydroxyalkylcarbamate composition comprising the step of reacting aqueous ammonium hydroxide and a cyclic carbonate, wherein the cyclic carbonate has the following general structure: